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The intelligence community in spy-clogged Geneva is buzzing about a recent hint that the Swiss patience with Soviet agents may be wearing thin. For years, Switzerland has allowed Russian spies to use jobs in one or another of Geneva's dozens of international organizations as cover for "soft" espionage, such as ferreting out business secrets. But the Swiss cracked down upon discovering the first known case of "hard" espionage by one of the Geneva-based Russians: Gregory Miagkov, a railroad expert with the International Labor Organization. The Swiss got him fired after learning that Miagkov was the control officer for another Soviet spy caught stealing military secrets in France, and that Miagkov himself had been making trips to France—ostensibly for his ILO work, but actually to spot potential sabotage targets in the rail network.